

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRICE AND CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

Docket No. CP2023-113

**NOTICE OF FILING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF USPS GROUND ADVANTAGE  
FOR OFFSHORE LOCATIONS**  
(April 6, 2023)

On February 10, 2023, the United States Postal Service gave notice in this docket of changes in rates and classifications of general applicability for First-Class Package Service (FCPS), a competitive product. Those changes included renaming FCPS as USPS Ground Advantage, establishing prices for USPS Ground Advantage, and other incidental classification changes. Those changes flowed from the Postal Service's earlier filings, in Docket Nos. MC2022-81 and MC2022-82, to expand and enhance the First-Class Package Service product and to absorb the USPS Retail Ground (RG) and Parcel Select Ground (PSG) offerings. This supplemental submission is intended to inform the Commission of a recent shift in the USPS Ground Advantage strategy.

In Docket Nos. MC2022-81 and MC2022-82, the Postal Service indicated that current FCPS offshore service standards would be applied to all USPS Ground Advantage parcels; that is, that all USPS Ground Advantage parcels, including those originating from and those destinating to offshore locations (e.g., Alaska and Hawaii), would receive a service standard of 2-5 days. Based on further review and assessment

of customer needs and operational feasibility, when the new USPS Ground Advantage product is implemented on July 9, 2023, the Postal Service now intends to retain, for parcels that: (1) weigh 1 pound and above, and (2) originate from or destinate to offshore locations, the service standards currently assigned to RG and PSG parcels originating from or destinating to offshore locations. This is consistent with prior proceedings which, while aligning the service standards of RG and PSG with those of FCPS, created exemptions for such parcels. See, e.g., Docket No. N2022-1, USPS-T-2, at 15-16. In so doing, the Postal Service does not propose to change any service standards currently assigned to FCPS, but instead to incorporate, into the heavier weight increments in the USPS Ground Advantage product, service standards that are presently offered for RG and PSG parcels traveling to or from offshore locations. As this plan preserves the status quo for heavier weight USPS Ground Advantage, the Postal Service submits that the Commission need only take administrative notice of the implementation plans.

Respectfully submitted,

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